

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 and 31-50 are pending. Claim 35 is cancelled herewith. Thus claims 1-29, 31-34, and 36-50 are under examination.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 28, 29, 33, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,170,821 to Booth ("Booth"). All of the rejected claims feature a phase change material. The phase change material of claim 1 and those claims depending from claim 1 is within a head. The phase change material of claim 37 is within a housing.

Nowhere does Booth teach or suggest a razor having a phase change material as featured in Applicants' claims, much less a phase change material either specifically within the head of a razor or within the housing of a razor as also featured in Applicants' claims. Instead, Booth discloses a water-soluble shaving aid that is incorporated in a disposable razor blade cartridge, which gradually dissolves during the act of wet shaving.

Unlike the water-soluble shaving aid disclosed in Booth, a phase change material, as featured in the pending claims, is a material that stores latent heat when melted and releases it during recrystallization. (See Specification, page 1, lines 14-15.) Moreover, while Booth discloses a composition that is applied directly to the skin (Booth, col. 2, lines 24-30), the phase change material featured in Applicants' claims is within either the head or the housing of the razor. Accordingly, the phase change material is not applied to the skin, but instead remains within the razor during use.

Because Booth fails to teach each element featured in Applicants' claims, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn. Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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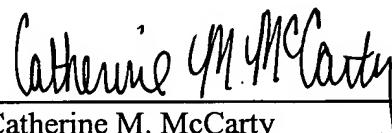
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